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Marlin Rice, extension and research entomologist, resigned from Iowa State University on Feb. 1 after 20 years of service to the agricultural community. Marlin began his career at ISU as an assistant professor on Nov. 1, 1988. He quickly gained promotion and tenure to associate professor in 1992 and then professor in 1996.

Rice was a frequent and highly requested speaker in the area of insect pest management. He annually spoke at the Field Extension Education Laboratory, the Crop Advantage Series, and the Integrated Crop Management Conference. He often gave two, and sometimes four, different presentations at the ICM Conference, presenting every year except one.

For 19 years, Marlin was the executive editor of the Crops, Soils and Pests Newsletter, which later became Integrated Crop Management—the first full-color weekly crops newsletter published by a land-grant university. He was a consistent and prolific contributor to the newsletter, and he was widely recognized for his macro-photography skills with insects.



Iowa State University recognized Marlin's work with the University Extension New Professional Award (1991), Excellence in Applied Research and Extension Award (1993), and Outstanding Achievement in Extension (2001). In 1998 he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach in the Crop Sciences Department at the University of Zimbabwe. His entomology peers recently elected him as President of the Entomological Society of America and he is presently serving in that office.

Marlin has accepted a position as Senior Research Scientist with Pioneer Hi-Bred International in Johnston, Iowa working on Trait Characterization and Development.

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